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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An Additional Judge and an establishment for him may be necessary if the pecuniary jurisdiction of the City Civil Court, Madras, is enhanced to Rs. 10,000. The extra cost to Government consequent on the proposal cannot now be definitely stated.

(*c*) The question will be considered when the proposal is actually given effect to.

Filling of leave vacancies in the Law Department of the Secretariat.

* 645 *Q.*—A. M. Ahmed Meeran Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many leave vacancies arose in the Law Department of the Secretariat in the cadres of Superintendents, Upper division clerks and Lower division clerks during the calendar year 1933;

(*b*) what the duration was of each of such vacancies;

(*c*) in how many of such vacancies, (i) Upper division clerks were appointed to act as Superintendents, (ii) Lower division clerks were appointed to act as Upper division clerks and (iii) outsiders from the list published by the Madras Services Commission were appointed as direct recruits to act as Upper division clerks or Lower division clerks; and

(*d*) whether the principle of communal representation was taken into consideration in filling up these vacancies in these three cadres?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*d*) The principle of communal rotation applies only to admission to the service and not to promotions within the service. The principle of communal rotation was observed in filling up the vacancies in the lower division.

Prisons and Prisoners

Supply of oil and toilet requisites to the political prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail.

* 646 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the political prisoners in Vellore Central Jail are not supplied with oil for bath or toilet;

(*b*) whether they are not allowed even to purchase the oil for bath and toilet purposes;

(*c*) whether they are not allowed even to purchase soaps; and

(*d*) if the answer is in the negative, when were these restrictions imposed and why?

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A.—(*a*) Under the rules in the Madras Jail Manual 'A' and 'B' class prisoners are supplied with soap and all female prisoners with oil and soapnut. Oil is not supplied to prisoners for bath. The rules apply to all prisoners in all jails without discrimination.

(*b*) & (*c*) The facts are as stated by the hon. Member.

(*d*) The restrictions referred to in (*b*) and (*c*) have been in force for a number of years.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether, in view of the fact that a large number of respectable persons have gone to prison for their political opinions, the Government will be pleased to consider the question of allowing them to purchase soap, oil and other toilet requisites?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"As I said in my answer to clause (*a*) A and B class prisoners are already allowed soap at the cost of Government."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Arising out of the answer to clause (*a*), A and B class male prisoners are not allowed oil and soapnut and it is only female prisoners that are allowed oil and soapnut, may I ask whether the Hon. the Law Member realizes that among South Indians weekly oil bath is an essential factor in their routine life?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The number of A and B class prisoners is now very small, and there has been no complaint from them on this score."

Irrigation

Exposure of Bapatla taluk to inundation.

* 647 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the taluk of Bapatla (the portion between Bapatla and Tenali) is subject to severe inundation during rainy season and the ryots are subject to severe loss, year after year, on account of damage to crops; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the various remedies that have been adopted during the last three years and what further remedies are under contemplation in the near future?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report [a] received from the Executive Engineer on the subject is laid on the table.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"In view of the report of the Executive Engineer, will the Government be pleased to expedite the estimate mentioned by him?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 104–105 infra.